

Public Defender's Orientation Conference  
Strand Union Building – Bozeman, Montana  
July 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

## **Admission**

Attendance at this conference is **required** for any current county/city Public Defender who will be transitioning over to State employment as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, as well as newly hired Public Defenders who will soon begin working for the State.

Conference admission is FREE to all private attorneys and investigators who have agreed to **contract** with the Office of the State Public Defender, as well as any attorneys who will be accepting “conflict” cases. All attendees will receive 15 CLEs.

Please contact us in order to register, either by calling 406-496-6081 or [OPDReceptionist@mt.gov](mailto:OPDReceptionist@mt.gov). We will need a count from each regional office as to how many of their staff attorneys will be attending. Please plan to register by June 30<sup>th</sup>, so that we have a full count for catering purposes.

## **Dining**

There will be a continental breakfast served on Thursday and Friday, as well as lunch both days during the conference, which are free to all participants.

Thursday night dinner Banquet – keynote speaker Stephen Bright – cost will be \$8.00, if you are not a current State employee (i.e. contract attorneys and other guests).

## **Accommodations**

Dorm rooms are available at MSU for a nominal fee of \$24 single or \$40 double. You will need to either call 406-496-6081 or e-mail [OPDReceptionist@mt.gov](mailto:OPDReceptionist@mt.gov) to reserve your space in the dorms, since we have a limited number of rooms reserved. This is a considerable savings, since typical hotel rooms in Bozeman range from \$109-\$159 during the summer months.

All current State employees are permitted to stay in the dorms free of charge; however, we will need you to reserve your space with us prior to the conference. If you plan on staying in a hotel, you will need to make your own arrangements.

## **Travel**

Travel for staff attorneys and investigators will be reimbursed at the current State rate. Please carpool from your current location, and contact your Regional Director to see about using State cars.

## **Summary**

All persons, employees as well as interested professionals and guests, must pre-register for the seminar. Additionally, all persons who desire to stay in the available housing **MUST** pre-register for the housing so that we can get you on the list. Dorm rooms are limited. Contact (406) 496-6081 or, preferably, e-mail us at [OPDReceptionist@mt.gov](mailto:OPDReceptionist@mt.gov) to register and identify housing needs.

There is a nominal cost to our professional guests. That cost includes one or two nights in the dorm (\$24 or \$40 per night) and \$8.00 per attendee's dinner.

Please make checks for the Banquet and/or Dorms payable to Office of the State Public Defender and send to:

Office of the State Public Defender  
44 W. Park St.  
Butte, MT 59701

The registration and payment deadline is June 30, 2006. If you have any additional questions, please call Carleen @ (406) 496-6085 or Sandy @ (406) 496-6089.

For further information see

<http://www.publicdefender.mt.gov/docs/newtrainingorientationbrochure.pdf>

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